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SUBJECT: DEFENSE ORIENTATION TOUR

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1. SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S VIEWS AND HIS SOUNDINGS AMONG SYG LUNS AND THOSE PERMREPS ATTENDING NPG MINISTERIAL IN BERGEN, MISSION REPORTS HERewith RESULTS OF INFORMAL POLLING OF DELEGATIONS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT TOUR.

2. SYG LUNS' OFFICE INFORMS US HE PLANS TO DEPART OTTAWA ON JUNE 20 AND THAT HE HAS AN IMPORTANT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPE DURING THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 22-23.

3. FRENCH DELEGATION TOLD MCAULIFFE PRIVATELY THEY ARE CERTAIN NEITHER FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES NOR PERMREP DE ROSE WOULD CONSIDER JOINING SUCH A U.S. TOUR AS IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME FROM POINT OF VIEW OF FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING U.S. INTENTIONS (REFTEL PARA 2), MISSION'S CONTACTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATE WIDELY HELD OPINION CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OFFENSE AT THIS INVITATION BECUASE SUCH A TOUR WOULD TEND TO STEAL THUNDER FROM CANADIAN HOSPITALITY IN CONNECTION WITH 25TH ANNIVERSARY NAC MINISTERIAL.

5. SYG LUNS' OFFICE AND ALL DELEGATIONS CONTACTED FEEL THAT
HEAVY BURDENS ON EUROPEAN MINISTERS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, COMBINED
WITH LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCE PLANNING MAKE SCHEDULING
OF EXCELLENT AND GENEROUS U.S. OFFER DEFENSE ORIENTATION TOUR
INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

6. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT, THEREFORE, BROACHED MATTER WITH
CANADIANS HERE.
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